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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for December 3 - December 14, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Prosecutorial Deliberations:** On December 12, the House Government Reform Committee will hold a hearing on the FBI's handling of informants in Boston, with particular reference to the Committee's subpoena for internal Department deliberative documents reflecting prosecutorial decision-making regarding certain Boston crime figures and others, as well as the Department's defense of civil lawsuits filed in connection with this matter. Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff will testify for the Department. (F. Burton)

THIS WEEK

- **DOJ Strategic Plan:** On December 3, Department representatives from the Justice Management Division will brief Senate Judiciary staff on the Department's strategic plan, which has been provided to them in printed form. Senate and House Intelligence Committee staff have also requested separate briefings on the strategic plan as well as the FBI's reorganization plan; these briefings are in the process of being scheduled in coordination with the FBI. (Walter)
- **Detainees:** The Senate Judiciary Committee (Senator Feingold chairing) has scheduled a hearing for December 4, on issues related to detainees. Viet Dinh, Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy, will testify. (O'Brien)
- **COPS:** On December 5, Viet Dinh, Assistant Attorney General for Legal Policy, will testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee regarding the COPS program. (Bernhardt)
- **Long-term Implications of Homeland Security Needs:** On December 5, Commissioner Ziglar will testify before the House Government Reform Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources on the ability to meet the needs of the INS's law enforcement mission in the wake of the September 11th attacks. Representatives from the DEA, FBI, Coast Guard, and Customs will also testify. (D. Burton)

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has noticed a hearing for December 5 for the following nominations: Callie V. Granade, to be a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama; Marcia S. Krieger, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Colorado; James C. Mahan, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nevada; Philip R. Martinez, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas; C. Ashley Royal, to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia; and Mauricio J. Tamargo, to be Chair of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. The Committee has advised that it will hold a hearing on the nomination of David L. Bunning, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, on December 10. (Scott-Finan)
- **DOJ Oversight:** On December 6, the Attorney General will testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on constitutional issues raised by the Department's actions since September 11, and the implementation of the USA-PATRIOT Act of 2001. (O'Brien)

LAST WEEK

- **DOJ Oversight: Preserving Our Freedoms While Defending Against Terrorism:** On November 28, Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in an oversight hearing about the Department's actions in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11. (O'Brien)
- **Human Trafficking:** On November 29, Civil Rights Division Assistant Attorney General Boyd testified before the House International Relations Committee on implementation of the Trafficking Victims' Protection Act. Representatives from HHS, State, and USAID also testified. (D. Burton)
- **Internet Gambling:** On November 29, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on H.R. 556, the "Unlawful Gambling Funding Prohibition Act" and H.R. 3215, the "Combating Illegal Gambling Reform and Modernization Act." The Department was represented by Assistant Attorney General Chertoff through written testimony for the hearing record. (Daley)
- **Nominations:** On November 29, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of Harriett L. Hartz, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, and the following district court nominees: John D. Bates, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; Kurt D. Engelhardt, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; Joe L. Heaton, to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma; William P. Johnson, to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia; Frederick J. Martone, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona; Danny C. Reeves, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; and Julie Robinson, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Kansas.

The Committee also approved the following United States Attorney nominations: David R. Dugas, Middle District of Louisiana; Edward H. Kubo, Hawaii; James A. McDevitt, Eastern District of Washington; David E. O'Meilia, Northern District of Oklahoma; Sheldon S. Sperling, Eastern District of Oklahoma; Johnny K. Sutton, Western District of Texas; and Richard S. Thompson, Southern District of Georgia.

On November 30, the Senate confirmed by unanimous consent the nomination of Thomas Sansonetti, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division and the following United States Attorney nominations: David R. Dugas, Middle District of Louisiana; Edward H. Kubo, Hawaii; James A. McDevitt, Eastern District of Washington; David E. O'Meilia, Northern District of Oklahoma; Sheldon S. Sperling, Eastern District of Oklahoma; Johnny K. Sutton, Western District of Texas; and Richard S. Thompson, Southern District of Georgia. (Scott-Finan)